



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:05 pm

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Vice Mayor Montano, Chair Wettenstein;
Commissioners Ahuja, M. Nguyen, Nunez, Peoples, Tsao;
Economic Development Manager Edesa Bitbadal, Recording
Secretary Rachele Currie

Excused Absence: Vice Chair Ablaza, Commissioners Bhambhra,
Brahmbhatt, Holthaus

Unexcused Absence: Commissioners C. Nguyen, and Wong

I. Flag Salute

Chair Wettenstein called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Approval of Alternates

Chair Wettenstein called for Roll. Vice Chair Ablaza; and Commissioners Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt, Holthaus, C. Nguyen, and Wong were not present.

III. Announcements

Vice Mayor Montano announced that this year's Commissioners' Recognition event is scheduled on April 25 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium. She also mentioned that the City Council at its last meeting approved the re-zoning of Town Center for it to be strictly commercial.

Commissioner Tsao reported that she attended the "How To Go Green" meeting early today. This meeting is to educate restaurant owners of the April 29, 2014 restaurant regulation of using color coded cards regarding restaurant violations. Chief Building Official Keyvan Irannejad and Economic Development Manager Edesa Bitbadal were at the meeting as well.

Chair Wettenstein mentioned that he attended Joint Venture's conference on February 4, 2015. The conference speakers' updates were very educational – pointing out that our economy is improving however traffic is getting worse. He also mentioned a Silicon Valley Business Journal article published yesterday, stating Integral Communities is to sell 26-acre Milpitas development project

Commissioner Ahuja briefly said that he wanted to share to the entire Commission, two Fremont articles and hopefully we could use some ideas out of them.

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal reminded Commissioners that Form 700 has been distributed at the beginning of tonight's meeting; please fill them out, and submit to the City Clerk's office on or before April 1, 2015. She also mentioned the City of Milpitas will continue partnership with Chamber of Commerce breakfast scheduled for tomorrow, February 10, at 7:30 am in Milpitas Senior Center with City Manager Tom Williams and herself as main speakers. Ms. Bitbadal reported that she and Chair Wettenstein is scheduled to present to the City Council the commission's 2015 Work Plan at the March 3rd Council meeting. Last but not the least, on behalf of the commission, she welcomed newly-appointed Mr. Robert Nunez as the School District representative to Economic Development Commission and invited him to give a brief self-introduction.

Commissioner Nunez thanked Ms. Bitbadal and gave a brief introduction of himself to the Commission.

IV. Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*) – *No public present*

V. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nunez moved to add approval of the 2 subcommittees' minutes to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended and seconded by Commissioner Ahuja.

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Absent: Ablaza, Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt,
Holthaus, C. Nguyen, Wong
Abstain: 0

VI. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2015 Commission minutes; January 27, 2015 Business Attraction & Retention Subcommittee minutes; and February 2, 2015 Special Projects Subcommittee minutes

Motion: to approve the January 12, 2015 Economic Development Commission Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples / Commissioner M. Nguyen

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: Ablaza, Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt,
Holthaus, C. Nguyen, Wong

Abstain: Nunez

Motion: to approve the January 27, 2015 Business Attraction & Retention Subcommittee Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Chair Wettenstein / Commissioner Peoples

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: Ablaza, Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt,
Holthaus, C. Nguyen, Wong

Abstain: Nunez

Motion: to delete Commissioner Tsao's name under "Absent" and approve the February 2, 2015 Special Projects Subcommittee Minutes as amended.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Tsao / Commissioner M. Nguyen

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: Ablaza, Bhambhra, Brahmbhatt,
Holthaus, C. Nguyen, Wong

Abstain: Nunez

VII. Old Business

A. Annual Work Plan

Commissioner Tsao and Chair Wettenstein provided a summary of the Special Projects Subcommittee and Business Attraction & Retention Subcommittee meetings respectively. Economic Development Manager Bitbadal said that the 2015 Work Plan will be presented to the City Council on March 3, 2015 Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Montano asked about the *Bike Share Program* if it means expanding the road. Ms. Bitbadal elaborated that it is about using public transportation to and from work places and have shared programs with various employers within the City (like Flextronics, Cisco, etc.) from BART Station to these companies. Staff will work with other departments and commissions about this program. Commissioner Tsao added bike sharing spot where people who get off BART can park and use the program.

Motion: to approve 2015 Economic Development Commission Work Plan and recommend to City Council.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples / Commissioner Tsao

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Vice Mayor Montano inquired about "Save Water/Save Money" rebates and asked staff to invite SCVWD representative to a commission meeting

IX. Upcoming Events – Commissioner Tsao mentioned that on May 8 the Asian-American Business Council is going on from 830am to 500pm with Milpitas Economic Development Commission co-hosting with Cupertino. On February 26, the Mayor will be presenting a commendation to her at Dynasty Restaurant. Commissioner People informed the Commission that he's involved in a project called Entrepreneurial Learning Center through Milpitas Rotary. Chair Wettenstein announced the 1st monthly breakfast in

conjunction with the City of Milpitas tomorrow at 7:30am Senior Center; Crab Feed on March 6 at the Napredak Hall in San Jose; February 12 Mixer at Larkspur Landing; he is working with Ms. Bitbadal on a business showcase with John Locke to be held at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium; and the International BBQ committee is in full swing. Commissioner Peoples reminded everyone of his company's 25th Anniversary celebration which is tentatively planned in September 2015.

- X. Adjourn** – Commissioner Peoples moved, and Commissioner Nunez seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm to the next regular meeting on March 9, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.